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E.O. 12065: QDS 5/2/85 (HUMPHREY, GEORGE) OR-P
TAGS: PGOV BQG AKB
SUBJECT: (U) THE REAL RUDOLF HESS IS AT SPANDAU, BUT...

REF: USBER 776

1. (C) SUMMARY. SINCE REFTEL BERLIN PRESS HAS CARRIED A NUMBER OF SUBSEQUENT REPORTS THAT HESS' WIFE AND FORMER SPANDAU CO-INMATE SPEER ARE CONFIDENT THAT PRISONER NUMBER 7 IS INDEED RUDOLF HESS. SON, WOLF-RUEDIGER, HAS STATED THAT HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW HIS FATHER BEFORE HE WAS IN PRISON BUT THAT HE IS CONFIDENT OF HIS MOTHER'S AUTHENTICATION OF PRISONER. NONETHELESS, WOLF-RUEDIGER HAS SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY DR. THOMAS THAT AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL TEAM EXAMINE THE PRISONER TO CONFIRM HIS IDENTITY. WOLF-RUEDIGER ALSO BELIEVES THIS MEDICAL TEAM SHOULD EXAMINE THE PRISONER SUITABILITY TO REMAIN IN PRISON (HAFTFAEHIGKEIT). ALL OF THE ABOVE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND NONE OF IT WAS EXPRESSLY ADDRESSED TO ANY ALLIED AUTHORITY

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2. (U) SINCE REFTEL REPORT, BERLIN PRESS HAS CARRIED A NUMBER OF REPORTS CONCERNING THE OPINIONS OF HESS' WIFE, HIS SON AND FORMER SPANDAU CO-INMATE ALBERT SPEER. THE WIFE REPORTED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT PRISONER NUMBER 7 IS HER HUSBAND RUDOLF HESS. SPEER WAS ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE PERSON WHO SPENT 20 YEARS WITH HIM IN SPANDAU WAS THE FORMER REICHS MINISTER RUDOLF HESS. SPEER QUALIFIED HIS CONCLUSION BY ADMITTING THAT HE HAD ONLY MET THE REICHS MINISTER TWO OR THREE TIMES BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING HIS PERIOD AT SPANDAU HE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRISONER WHO POSSESSED INFORMATION WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN KNOWN BY RUDOLF HESS. THE SON, WOLF-RUEDIGER HESS, TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD BEEN A YOUNG CHILD WHEN HE LAST SAW HIS FATHER BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR AND THEREFORE COULD NOT PERSONALLY IDENTIFY PRISONER NUMBER 7 AS HIS FATHER. NONETHELESS, THE SON WAS CONVINCED BY THE CERTAINTY OF HIS MOTHER THAT THE
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PRISONER IS INDEED HIS FATHER. WOLF-RUEDIGER NONETHELESS WENT ON TO SUPPORT DR. THOMAS' PROPOSAL REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL GROUP SHOULD BE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXAMINING THE PRISONER TO DETERMINE HIS IDENTITY. THE SON BELIEVED THIS APPROACH WOULD PUT ALL THE RUMORS TO REST. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL GROUP SHOULD EXAMINE HIS FATHER'S CONDITION TO SEE WHETHER IT WAS STILL APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN PRISON.

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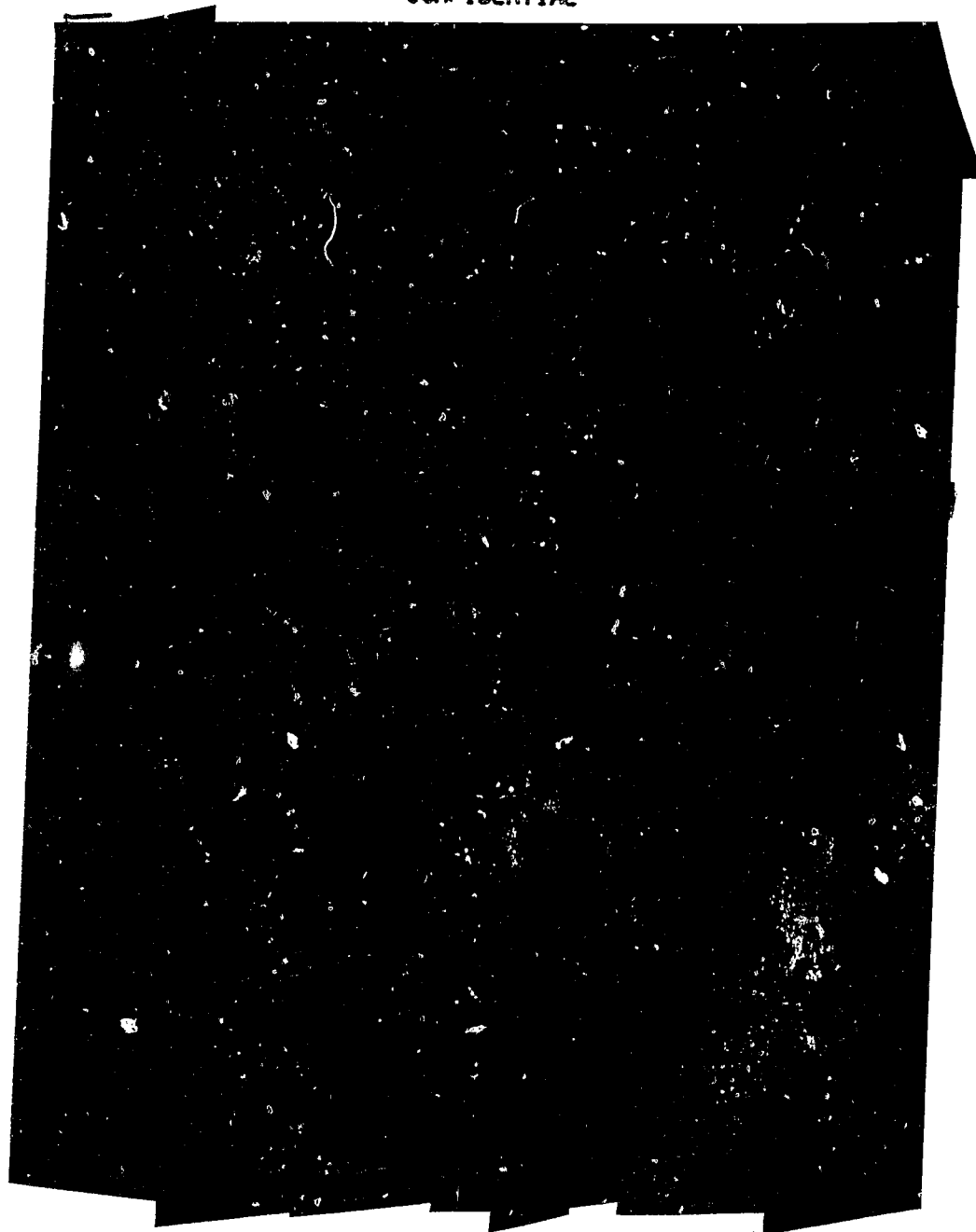
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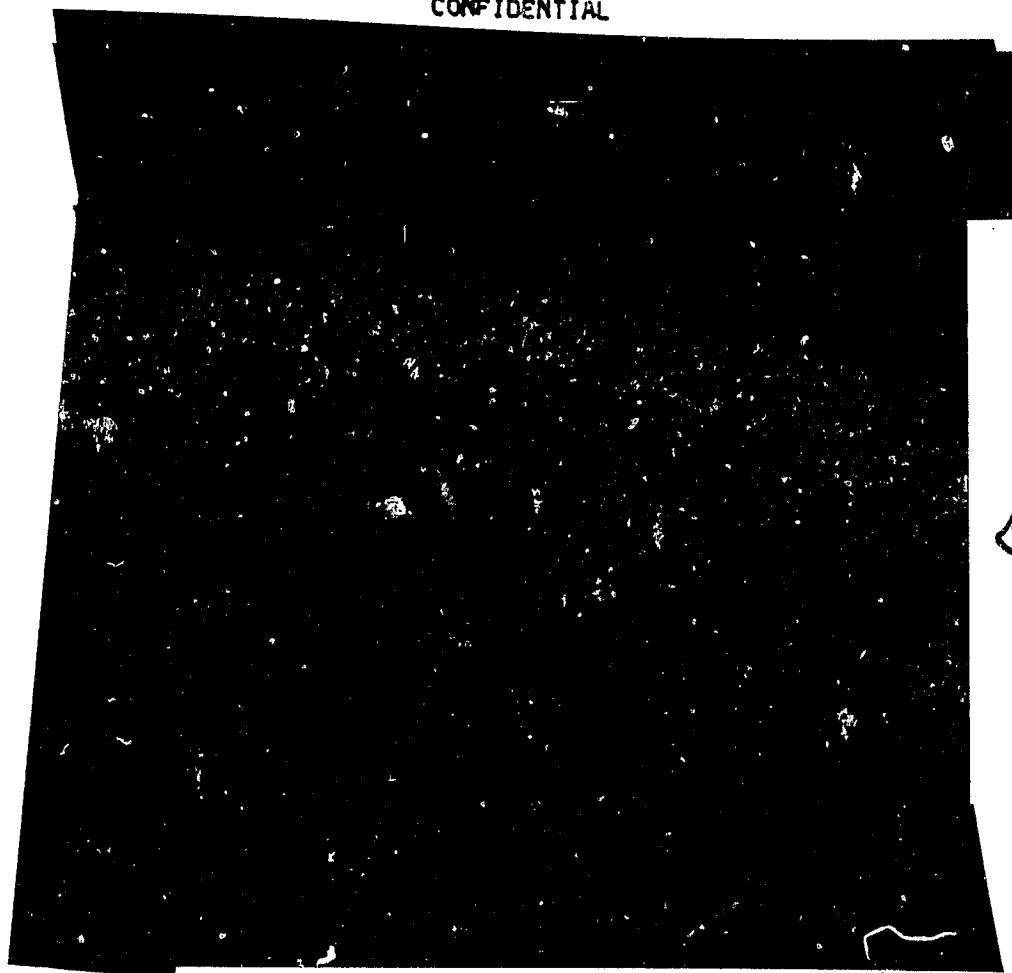
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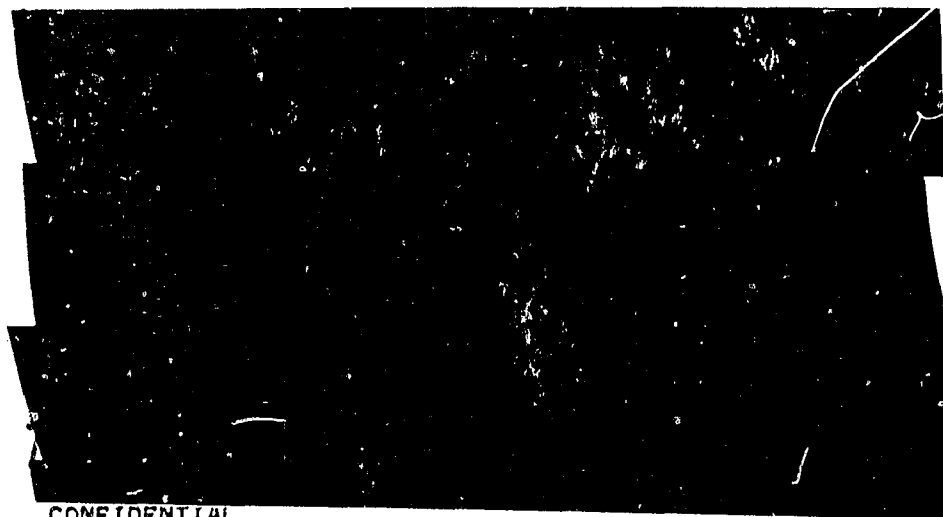
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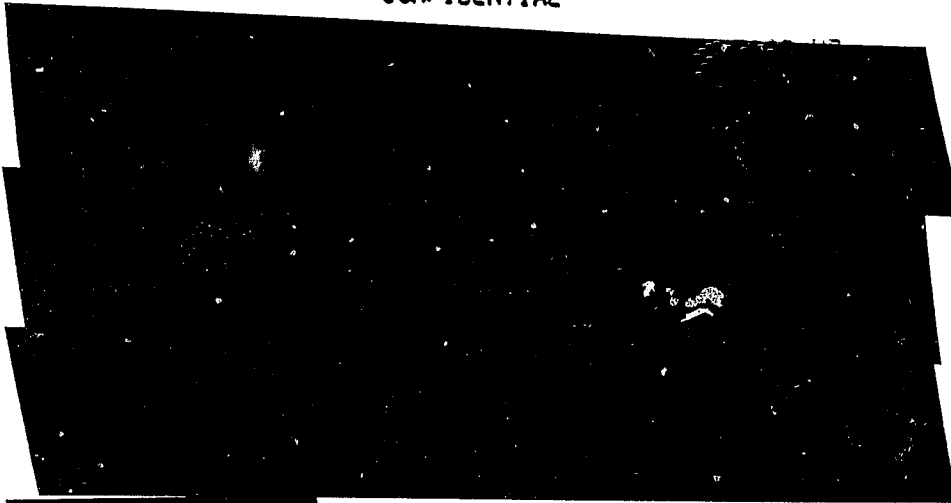
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